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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of the period for response to this action, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee of \$120 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 18-2056. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17 to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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